

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 7, 2021, 5:30 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common and Zoom

Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Michele Gonzales; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitors: Dave Torres, Susan Green (Library Director)

At 5:30 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Changes or additions to the agenda: none

Public Comment: none

Minutes: The Board approved the minutes of November 16, 2021

Generator maintenance: We received a proposal from Brookfield Service. Bobbi is getting a quote from a second company.

Fire Department: The Selectboard authorized the Fire Department to apply for a FEMA grant for 12 SCBA's, at about \$6,500 each, or approximately \$80,000. The Town's share is about \$3,800.

The Fire Department asked Bobbi to forecast how much money we need to be putting into their equipment fund to replace the trucks in the future. At this point the Town is not putting money away enough money to cover the cost. Both trucks have recently been refurbished but the engine was built in 1992 and the tanker was built in 1996. They can't be refurbished again, so the Town will need to replace them, one in 10 years and one in 14 years. The budget for the equipment fund will be \$15,000 for 2022. The budget was lowered in 2021 but was \$15,000 in prior years.

Route 2 and Route 215 intersection: The Agency of Transportation has notified the town that they may address the intersection in the next resurfacing project. Rich will contact VTrans and get more information.

ARPA: Bobbi will post information on the website but in general the town will wait to see if the guidelines change. The Zoning Administrator needs a laptop to allow her to work from home. VLCT has indicated that the Library porch would be an allowed use because it would provide access to broadband. Rich suggested that we proceed with the porch design, so that the project can be completed next year. He noted that the pavilion may fit under the Better Places grant.

Old Schoolhouse Common: Susan asked if the kitchen could be cleaned. The Board agreed to have the kitchen cleaned as needed. She thanked the Board for having new faucets installed. She asked how many people are allowed in the gym for a program. The Board noted that there are no state requirements right now about occupancy; their only requirement is masks. They approve of Susan's plan to install donated art in the building, as long as the art is juried.

The Board decided to recruit an ad hoc committee to look at the building and develop a plan for updating the building. Rich will draft a job description for a maintenance person. Dan Tetreault is

not able to take care of the building any longer because he has moved.

Recreation Economy Grant: Rural Development and Forests & Parks would assign people to work with us if we get the grant. The response from the State was fairly positive.

Errors & Omissions: The Board approved changes to the grand list based on the current use program.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and approved reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 7, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
